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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

OPEN MEETING ITEM MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chairman William A. Mundell Arizona Corporation Commission

Commissioner Jim Irvin

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Commissioner Marc Spitzer

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FROM:

Mark Sendrow

Director of Securities

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DATE:

October 23, 2001

RE:

U.S. Federal Financial Corporation, Tom Gaffney and Derreck Manteau,

S-03469A-01-0000 (Creative Financial Funding, L.L.C. et al.)

CC:

Brian C. McNeil, Executive Secretary

The Division filed a Temporary Cease and Desist Order and Notice of Opportunity For Hearing on October 5, 2001, against U.S. Federal Financial Corporation ("USFF"), Tom Gaffney ("Gaffney") and Derreck Manteau ("Manteau") began working with Creative Financial Funding, L.L.C., American Money Power, Inc. dba Money Power, Federal Capital, L.L.C., Corporate Fiducial Services, Inc., Paul J. Meka, Larry Dunning and Robert K. Rehm (collectively known as "Creative") at the end of September of 2001. USFF, Gaffney and Manteau were served by personal service on October 5, 2001. USFF, Gaffney and Manteau requested a hearing on October 9, 2001.

Gaffney and Manteau are officers and directors of USFF. Gaffney and Manteau are residents of Arizona. USFF working with Creative offered and sold units in notes represented to be secured by Arizona real estate. USFF, Gaffney, Manteau and Creative placed advertisements in the *Arizona Republic* seeking people to attend seminars. Creative had been conducting seminars and offering and selling units since at least August of 2001.

USFF, Gaffney and Manteau had conducted only two seminars held on the same day at the time the Division filed its Temporary Cease and Desist order. Only one person invested funds in the amount of \$1,000.00. USFF, Gaffney and Manteau did not cash the check. The check was returned to the potential investor by certified mail on or about October 9, 2001.

USFF, Gaffney and Manteau admit the findings of fact and the conclusions of law in the attached Order to Cease and Desist, Order of Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent

to Same ("Consent"). The Consent orders USFF, Gaffney and Manteau to cease and desist from future violations of the Securities Act of Arizona. USFF, Gaffney and Manteau will jointly and severally pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00.

The Division believes that this order is in the best interests of the state of Arizona and recommends that the Commission accept the proposed Consent.

Originator: Wendy Coy

AG: Moira McCarthy

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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7	CREATIVE FINANCIAL FUNDING, L.L.C.) DOCKET NO. S-03469A-01-0000)
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10	AMERICAN MONEY POWER, INC. dba MONEY POWER	ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST,
10	125 S. 52 nd Street) ORDER OF RESTITUTION, ORDER) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES
11	Tempe, AZ 85281) AND CONSENT TO SAME
12) BY: U.S. FEDERAL FINANCIAL
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Respondents.

U.S. FEDERAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION ("US FEDERAL"), TOM GAFFNEY ("GAFFNEY") and DERRECK MANTEAU ("MANTEAU"), collectively referred to as RESPONDENTS, elect to permanently waive their right to a hearing and appeal under Articles 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of Arizona, A.R.S. § 44-1801, et seq. ("Securities Act") with respect to this Order To Cease And Desist, Order Of Restitution, Order For Administrative Penalties And Consent To Same ("Order"). RESPONDENTS admit the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"); admit the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order; and consent to the entry of this Order by the Commission.

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On October 4, 2001, Creative Financial Funding, L.L.C. ("Creative") placed an advertisement in the *Arizona Republic*. The advertisement for Creative offered a free informational seminar with the statement "learn how to earn." In addition, the Creative advertisement offered rates of 15% or more "secured" and a fixed monthly income. Two seminars were held on October 4, 2001.
- 2. A Division investigator, in an undercover capacity, attended the morning free seminar. Larry Dunning ("Dunning"), GAFFNEY and MANTEAU were all in attendance. The offering documents provided to the investigator were for corporate bonds offered by US FEDERAL. GAFFNEY made the presentation at the seminar. GAFFNEY stated that Dunning owned Creative and that he, GAFFNEY, was the chairman and CEO of US FEDERAL. GAFFNEY stated to the seminar attendees that Creative and Dunning were not structured to raise money for investment purposes. Creative and Dunning hired US FEDERAL because US FEDERAL was structured to

"deal with" the securities offering. Once US FEDERAL raised the investment funds, the funds would then be transferred to Creative who would operate a mortgage bank and provide funds to borrowers secured by real estate. Creative would conduct due diligence on the borrowers before lending the funds.

- 3. Also on October 4, 2001, US FEDERAL placed an advertisement in the *Arizona Republic* offering fixed rates on corporate bonds. The advertisement stated a \$1,000.00 minimum investment in a two-year or four-year corporate bond. Although US FEDERAL claims in its offering documents that it is exempt from registering its securities pursuant to A.A.C. R 14-4-140, the advertisement placed by US FEDERAL fails to meet the requirements of the rule.
- 4. US FEDERAL represents in its offering documents that US FEDERAL is seeking to raise \$1 million through an offering which includes 500 units of two-year corporate bonds paying interest at 15.2% and 500 units of four-year corporate bonds paying interest at 18.1%. US FEDERAL "purchases promissory notes that are secured by first or second position deeds of trust or mortgages on real property located primarily in the state of Arizona."
- 5. According to US FEDERAL's offering documents, mortgage borrowers will pay Creative mortgage banking fees. The borrowers will also pay Corporate Fiducial Services, Inc. ("Corporate") a mortgage servicing fee. The offering documents failed to disclose that Creative is not a mortgage bank. Nor, is Corporate licensed with the Arizona Banking Department to collect mortgage servicing fees.
- 6. A letter from US FEDERAL, signed by GAFFNEY, states that Creative is a mortgage banker licensed by the state of Arizona Department of Banking. Creative is a mortgage broker, not banker. Therefore, Creative is prohibited from funding mortgages.
- 7. One investor invested \$1,000.00 with RESPONDENTS during one of the seminars given by RESPONDENTS. RESPONDENTS did not cash the investment check and it was returned to the investor shortly after the seminar.

8. RESPONDENTS severed ties with the other named parties in this action. RESPONDENTS will no longer be raising investment money from investors to fund mortgages unless RESPONDENTS register the offering with the Commission's Securities Division ("Division") or are able to claim an exemption from registration. RESPONDENTS will not offer or sell securities unless RESPONDENTS are registered as a securities salesperson or dealer.

II. -

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and the Securities Act.
- 2. RESPONDENTS offered or sold securities within or from Arizona, within the meaning of A.R.S. §§ 44-1801(15), 44-1801(21), and 44-1801(26).
- 3. RESPONDENTS violated A.R.S. § 44-1841 by offering or selling securities that were neither registered nor exempt from registration.
- 4. RESPONDENTS violated A.R.S. § 44-1842 by offering or selling securities while neither registered as dealers or salesmen nor exempt from registration.
- 5. RESPONDENTS' conduct is grounds for a cease and desist order pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
- 6. RESPONDENTS' conduct is grounds for an order of restitution pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
- 7. RESPONDENTS' conduct is grounds for administrative penalties under A.R.S. § 44-2036.

III.

ORDER

THEREFORE, on the basis of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and the RESPONDENTS' consent to the entry of this Order, the Commission finds that the following relief is appropriate, in the public interest, and necessary for the protection of investors:

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that RESPONDENTS, their agents, employees, successors and assigns, permanently cease and desist from violating the Securities Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that RESPONDENTS shall, jointly and severally, pay restitution to the investor shown on the records of the Commission in the amount of \$1,000.00. The investors' check will be returned by certified mail. RESPONDENTS will provide copies of the certified mailing to the Division upon entry of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2036, that RESPONDENTS shall jointly and severally pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00, payable to the "State of Arizona." Payment shall be made in full by cashier's check or money order on the date of this Order. If RESPONDENTS do not comply with this order for administrative penalties, any outstanding balance may be deemed in default and shall be immediately due and payable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN	COMMISSIONER	COMMISSIONER
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	BRIAN C. McNEIL Executive Secretary	

DISSENT

This document is available in alternative formats by contacting Shelly M. Hood, ADA Coordinator, voice phone number 602-542-3931, E-mail shood@cc.state.az.us.

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CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

- 1. TOM GAFFNEY, admits the jurisdiction of the Commission over the subject matter of this proceeding. TOM GAFFNEY acknowledges that he has been fully advised of his right to a hearing to present evidence and call witnesses and he knowingly and voluntarily waives any and all rights to a hearing before the Commission and all other rights otherwise available under Article 11 of the Securities Act and Title 14 of the Arizona Administrative Code. TOM GAFFNEY acknowledges that this Order To Cease And Desist, Order Of Restitution, Order For Administrative Penalties And Consent To Same ("Order") constitutes a valid final order of the Commission.
- 2. TOM GAFFNEY knowingly and voluntarily waives any right he may have under Article 12 of the Securities Act to judicial review by any court by way of suit, appeal, or extraordinary relief resulting from the entry of this Order.
- 3. TOM GAFFNEY acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 4. TOM GAFFNEY acknowledges that he has chosen not to be represented by counsel in this matter, he has reviewed this Order and understands all terms it contains.
- 5. TOM GAFFNEY admits the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order.
- 6. By consenting to the entry of this Order, TOM GAFFNEY agrees not to take any action or to make, or permit to be made, any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any Finding of Fact or Conclusion of Law in this Order or creating the impression that this Order is without factual basis. TOM GAFFNEY will undertake steps necessary to assure that all of his agents and employees understand and comply with this agreement.
- 7. While this Order settles this administrative matter between TOM GAFFNEY and the Commission, TOM GAFFNEY understands that this Order does not preclude the Commission

from instituting other administrative proceedings based on violations that are not addressed by this Order.

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- 11. TOM GAFFNEY agrees that he will not exercise any control over any entity that offers or sells securities or provides investment advisory services, within or from Arizona unless properly registered or eligible for an exemption.
- 12. TOM GAFFNEY agrees that until restitution and penalties are paid in full, he will notify the Director of the Securities Division within 30 days of any change in home address or any change in his ability to pay amounts due under this Order.
- 13. TOM GAFFNEY understands that default shall render him liable to the Commission for its costs of collection and interest at the maximum legal rate.
- 14. TOM GAFFNEY agrees that he will continue to cooperate with the Securities Division including, but not limited to, providing complete and accurate testimony at any hearing in this matter and cooperating with the state of Arizona in any related investigation or any other matters arising from the activities described in this Order.

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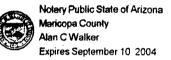
15. TOM GAFFNEY consents to the entry of this Order and agrees to be fully bound by its terms and conditions. If TOM GAFFNEY breaches any provision of this Order, the Commission may vacate this Order and restore this case to its active docket.

TOM GAFFNEY

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE me this 27 day of CORER

NOTARY

My Commission Expires:



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U.S. **FEDERAL CORPORATION**

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By: Tom Gaffney its Chief Executive Officer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE me this

day of OCTOBER, 2001.

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My Commission Expires:

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Expires September 10 2004

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UBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE me this 22 day of _

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